



DAVID BELLE
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THE CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART

ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

Please complete and return the following questionnaire for our reference file on May Show artists.

FULL NAME: David Arthur Belle

PRESENT POSITION Nationally published
Architectural Photographer
Faculty School of the
Art Institute of Chicago

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 9/1/55 Solon, Ohio

CATEGORY/PRIMARY MEDIA: Color & Black & White Photography

ART TRAINING (Schools, Scholarships, etc.):

SUNY of ALFRED Alfred, N.Y.

BFA 1977 GRADUATED WITH HONORS

SCHOOL OF THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO

MFA 1981

July Summer Symposium of Cultural Photo

Workshop 1981

Society of Photographic Education

Workshop 1983 Saint Louis MO.

EXHIBITIONS IN WHICH YOUR WORK HAS BEEN SHOWN (include location and year): SEE ENCLOSED VITAE

COLLECTIONS THAT NOW INCLUDE YOUR WORK: George Eastman House Rochester, N.Y.

Mars Gallery 1219 West Fulton Street Chicago, Illinois

Independet Programming Associates 1208 West Webster Chicago, Illinois

Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

Rochester Institute of Technology Rochester, N.Y.

Hedrich Blessing 11 West Illinois Chicago, Illinois

Creative Photography Magazine San Francisco, California

Nikolais Dance Foundation NYC N.Y.

AWARDS:

River North Photography Competition 1st place commercial division 1988

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David Belle, Photographer

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PHOTOGRAPHER
David Belle Photography

Photograph for various architectural and commercial clients.
Photograph Assistant for Greg Murphy, Bill Crofton, and
other photographers.

2027 W. Grace, Chicago, IL 60618 Feb. 1987-present

PHOTO ARCHIVIST
Bertrand Goldberg & Associates

Organize and catalog photo collections (slides and prints).
Photograph and document River City Project and other sites.
Responsible for economic ordering of photographs.
Assist in planning and presenting exhibitions and
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300 N. State, Chicago, IL 60610 June 1985

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Supervising three b/w printers and shop assistants.
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11 W. Illinois, Chicago, IL 60611 1983 - 1985

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Michigan Ave at Adams, Chicago, IL 60604 1982 - 1983

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Beginner's Television- Center for New Television Chicago July 1983
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Black to White - Danadell Gallery, Chicago Fall 1985
Valentine Show - N.A.M.E. Gallery Chicago 1986-1989
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Enclosed
are a set of duplicate
forms for the MAY Show.
IN CASE YOU HAD NOT RECEIVED
Set #1

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MONACO HOT L from the series
Fear & Loafing in Las Vegas



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CHICAGO ILL



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To photograph is to consume

These photographs represent a documentary series of motel monuments taken in Las Vegas and Chicago. My intent is to capture a variety of whimsical juxtapositions including symbolic store bought overmatting, cropping subject matter off center in the landscape and titling the pieces with the names of famous Las Vegas hotel/motel names while one half of the series were photographed in various Chicago locales. My purpose is to deconstruct the reality of hotel/motel vernacular architecture and transform it into a surreal-postmodern vision.

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ART TRAINING - Schools, Scholarships, etc.:

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SCHOOL OF THE ART INSTITUTE - (CURRENT) TOWARDS
MFA

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EXHIBITION '77 . TRAVELING SHOW OF S.U.N.Y. SCHOOLS

TRAVELERS INTUIT - ONE MAN SHOW 1978 - ROCHESTER
INSTITUTE
TECHNOLOGY

COLLECTIONS WHICH NOW INCLUDE YOUR WORK:

ALFRED UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF THE ART INSTITUTE, CHICAGO

AWARDS:

B.F.A. WITH HONORS FROM ALFRED UNIVERSITY.
CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER PHOTO CONTEST
1980 MAY SHOW - "HELL" TYPE C PRINT

PRESENT POSITION:

M.F.A. VIDEO STUDENT AT SCHOOL OF THE ART INSTITUTE

We would appreciate any information regarding subsequent awards, purchases, exhibitions and scholarships.
Thank you for your cooperation.